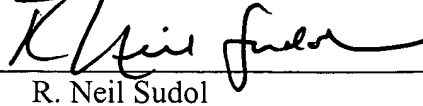




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AMENDMENT

S I R:

In response to the Office Action of April 20, 2004, applicant requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows. Pursuant to current practice, all pending claims, including original claims, previously presented claims, currently amended claims, and withdrawn claims, are presented below. Canceled claims are indicated as being canceled. Underlining indicates additions made herein, while deletions made herein are indicated by strikethrough or double brackets.

AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE:

Amend the title of the application to read:

--REINFORCED FLEXIBLE HOSE --.